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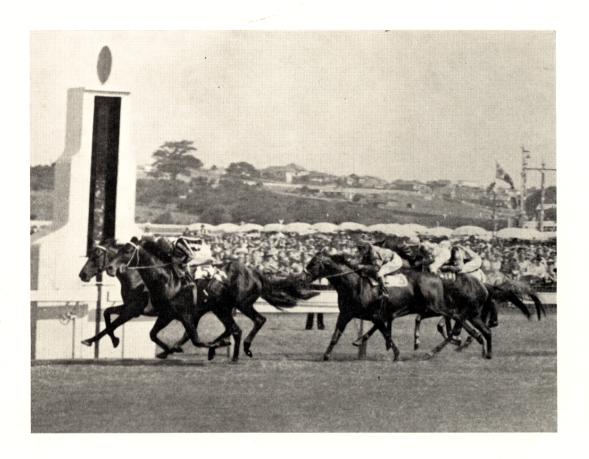
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PICTURE OF THE MONTH



Mr. E. R. William's Castillo Surprise Win in Club Cup

Tattersall's Club Cup, run at Randwick on Saturday, 1st January, 1955, was won by Castillo (Valognes (imp.)-Royal Court) in a thrilling finish from Oxley, with Royal Forest third. Official margin was a short half-head, Castillo, starting at 25-1, got up in the last stride to beat second favourite, Oxley — the win completed a good day for jockey Arthur Ward, who also rode winners of the New Year's Gift (Apple Bay) and Highweight Handicap (Booka).

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MBUED with the Christmas Spirit and in an atmosphere of friendship and goodwill, a gathering representative members attended the Cocktail Party in the Club Room on 23rd December, as guests of the Chairman and Committee. Much wishes were same changed-much the same jokes were cracked-much the same toasts were informally oured, as has been our habit for years past at Christmastime. Perhaps one of the most pleasant thoughts that we can have at this (and other) annual functions is the memory that we and other good fellows before us have gathered in the Club to wish everyone well and to listen to the Chairman's little homily, not just for a few years but for decades past: and we and other good fellows after us will gather for the same reason and in much the same way, for decades to come. The common denominator is the intangibles - the Club spirit allied with the eternal spirit of Christmastime. Two intangibles of great importance for the enrichment of our life and time.

THE other most notable function of the season was the Club's New Year's Eve Dance. Just as successful as ever before—in fact, according to some members who were still feeling the festive effects at the second leg of the Club's Meeting at Randwick the next day, it was almost TOO much of a success!

APART from the "official" entertainments, there were a number of private parties arranged for members in the rooms of the Club. Outstanding

NOTICE

Members are notifed that no restriction will be placed on the number of visitors members may introduce to the Club.

M. D. J. Dawson, Secretary. was Committeeman Bill Sellen's on Monday, 20th, for personal and business friends. The buffet lunch was a magnificent example of culinary arrangement—good to look at, and superb to eat!

It's always pleasant to report that the Tattersall's Club Cup has been won by a member's horse. This year Mr. E. R. Williams was successful with Castillo—rather a surprise to the owner as the four-year-old horse had been performing very indifferently; had not, in fact, shown a win since the Queensland Derby of 1953. Castillo, ridden by Arthur Ward, beat second favourite, Oxley, by a short half-head.

A NUMBER — in fact, practically the whole team—of the English Cricketers were most welcome guests in the Club during their stay in Sydney for the match v. N.S.W., and again for the Second Test. It's to be hoped that we shall see them

EDITORIAL: A Time To Look Back

As the New Year is starting, most of us are, or should be, looking backward in an accounting of our personal ledgers wherein are entered the worthwhile transactions, itemised at their real worth

Some will be skipping that, avoiding regretful introspections to look forward to hoped-for gratifications, gifts of fortune. Such is the wrong philosophy.

Always to be on the receiving end is no good to the fortunes of any person; and as an expectation, a design for living, it is demoralising.

The right outlook is rather toward the "giving

more" than the "gain"; an acceptance of the spiritual truism.

New Year is not altogether a season of celebration, but also a period of soul-searching. What you have contributed toward easing suffering, bringing cheer into shadowed lives, enriching life in general—that, not the size of your roll, is what matters at this time of personal audit.

Tattersall's Club—meaning the members of Tattersall's Club—has a worthy record in liberal aid to the good cause over the long years. And that is our true treasure.

Happy Birthday to You!

JANUARY

2 R. J. Burnham 3 K. McKinney J. O'Riordan Alan Stewart
A. E. Newton
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ley 21 C. F. Viner-Hall F. E. Ezzy

A. J. McGill J. J. Hall A. K. Quist H. R. W. 23

D. F. Morand
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A. C. Ingham
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28 A. E. Bavinton R. J. Harris 29 J. E. Head

30 R. H. Alderson R. H. Parker W. A. Granger 31 F. D. Powell

13 H. M. Norton 14 A. M. Bolot

15 W. T. Connelly Colin Bowes 16 M. D. McDon-

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G. M. Waring H. Israel H. A. Kelly

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21 C. E. Fortescue A. G. Allen 22 Eric Steel G. W. Noe

23 P. A. Shields J. W. G. Muir Donald Smith

W. S. Newton H. J. Coy G. M. Nacard 25 N. H. Bishop W. A. McFadden

26 S. C. Canfield P. H. V. Holmes

again at the end of February, when they visit Sydney for the Fifth and final Test . . . they represent, one and all, the very finest in English sportsmanship.

A CHANGE of phone number seems such an unimportant item — until you suffer the irritation of trying and trying for the wrong number! So, just a reminder: that the new multiple-line telephone number of the Club is now BM 6111.

NOW that the festivities are over, quite a number of members are anticipating overseas trips—or have already departed. At the end of this month Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Gough will be off for a while; F. N. Leech is away to U.S.A. and U.K. on business; and so on.

JUST back in time for Christmas was W. J. Barton, returned from England and America.

SORRY to hear that Bill Hole is still in Gloucester House a bad time of the year to be on the sick list. To him, and to other members who were unable to celebrate because of illness, our very best wishes for a speedy return to good health.

ONGRATULATIONS to partowner and trainer, L. J. O'Sullivan, on the success of Gay Vista in the Carrington Stakes; also to E. R. Williams, owner of Castillo, winner of Tattersall's Club Cup, and to T. J. Smith, trainer of winner.

27 K. Holmes H. L. Norton

J. K. Monro

28 Sol Goldhill

N. C. Wheeler V. L. Kirby W. T. Kirk M. Gulson F. L. Bowes

Members are invited to notify the Secretary of the date of their Birthday.

RACK in the Club again after visit to New short Zealand, V. L. Kirby, who met Club Member, W. J. Fookes, aboard the Wanganella.

OOKING bright, C. G. D. Allman, after spending a short holiday in New Zealand.

NEWS is to hand that Club Member, M. P. Webber, had enjoyable trip to New Caledonia.

AT present enjoying a tour of the East. Club Member. Lionel Campbell.

LUB Member, W. G. Robson, has been elected Vice-President of the Otis Elevator Company Limited, Canada, and to him go congratulations.

NOW enjoying a holiday in New Zealand, M. Tobin.

VEW ZEALAND Yearling Sales are attracting Club Members, some of whom will shortly be on their way, includ ing T. J. Smith and F. Dalton.

T was particularly pleasing to have at the Official Luncheon at Randwick, on Carrington Day, David Mackie, Committeeman of Newcastle Jockey Club; Garrett Fitzpatrick, Pre-Tattersall's sident of Newcastle; Eric Smith, Committeeman of Tattersall's Club, Newcastle; Brian O'Donnell, Secretary of Tattersall's Club, Newcastle; also Stan Steggles and Rex Sanderson.

A. L. (TONY) NAUGHTON at present in hospital, but hopes to be discharged soon.

HISHING de luxe is experienced at Jack Keogh's fine week-end cottage, plus all the best in hospitality.



Annual Dinner and Presentation of Prizes Huge Success!

After the excitement of the finalisation of the "Amounis" Trophy Competition had died down, the members were looking forward to the Annual Dinner and Presentation of Prizes, as a super effort had been promised by the Secretary, Peter Lindsay, and his Committee.

THE night set down was Tuesday, 30th November, 1954, and it came up to expectations in every respect. Peter spared neither effort nor expense—so a super night was enjoyed by one and all.

Congratulations must go to the Secretary and Catering Staff of our Club for the magnificent effort they produced. Praise was the order of the day all round.

There were 44 members present under the Chairmanship of our genial member, Edwin Penfold, who kept things moving in his usual bright style. Presentations to various winners were as below.

Amongst those present was our Committeeman. Vandenberg who, prior to presenting the prize for "Amounis" Trophy to Neil Barrell, related some of the history of the famous horse after which this competition was named, and his associations in connection therewith. We were very happy to listen to Ernie, and we can assure him we were more than pleased to have him with us on such an enjoyable occasion. All other presentations were in the hands of our Chairman, Edwin Penfold, who did a very good job.

We were pleased also to welcome John Dexter (Secretary of Swimming Club) and Lionel Dare. Both these gentlemen were presented to the gathering and responded suitably. Peter Lindsay and Sam Block were then noticed buzzing around like a couple of blue-tailed flies, and the next thing was a complete surprise presentation to our friend, Arthur McCamley, who was absolutely dumbfounded. Peter did the honours here, and

Club Championships-

Winner Runner Up
A GRADE George McGilvray Bruce Partridge
B GRADE Geoff Eastment Andy McGill
C GRADE Bob Adams Ken Francis

"Winooka" Trophy-

Winner Runner Up
Eric Thompson Peter Lindsay

"Amounis" Trophy-

Winner Runner Up
Neil Barrell Peter Williams

Most Improved Player, 1954-

Peter Williams

THE HANDBALL CLUB WISHES ALL MEMBERS A VERY HAPPY & PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR.

Arthur was so overcome that he could speak only for 20 minutes in response. As a matter of fact, it has been said that, besides being **nearly** blind, either he has been inoculated with a gramophone needle or taken talking lessons from Fred Daly. However, that is purely rumour!

It was nice to see Norman Barrell come along. Only we happen to know it, we would never suspect he is the father of those two handsome young men, Neil and Trevor. Everyone thinks he is only their younger brother. Congratulations, Norman, for keeping yourself so fit.

We were glad to see Harry Buttel with us. Harry does not have many opportunities of participating in our competitions, but whenever support is required Harry is along to help. Nice of you to come, Harry!

This I must mention: Our very happy friend, Fred Harvie, had such a good time when the food arrived he could not restrain himself from having a hearty helping of all the good things, which left him insufficient room to have his share of the liquid refreshment provided. Now he feels he cheated himself—but he had a mighty good time doing so.

Finally, a word of thanks to Merv Lyons, who provided the musical entertainment. You did a nice job, Merv. Many thanks!

The Ghosts of Tattersall's

(Reprinted by permission of "The Bulletin")

The ghosts are gone at Tattersall's where the poker-tables yawn, And scattered cards lie sullenly as the steward sweeps at dawn. Should you stand at the cardroom's frosted door and beg your ears to hear

There will come a chorus of laughs long dead, sweet as a cherished year.

Those were the days of master-men who knew John Roche's beard,

As young Joe Matthews drew his card and the routine-flush appeared;

Though Harry Pittar's grin began to crease his rugged lips, Till Harry's aces, four of them, died on a pile of chips.

Those were the days when Lionel Bloom would play on aces-up, When Bill McDonald, hoarse from the course, called for a loving-cup,

While Stanton bought a Slimy card and glared across the floor, Only to find that Schwartz's treys improved from three to four.

They bet like Tysons all their lives, these men from ring and room:

They'd moan and groan and snarl and yelp when the cards provoked their gloom.

They'd grin and cheer and give huzza when the spots would bless the stake,

But they lived their lives in the sportsman's bond of eternal give-and-take.

The ghosts are laid at Tattersall's, save for the ageing few Who watch the younger men perform in the cardroom's modern hue.

They curl their lips at the cries of "gin" or Rickety Kate's finesse, And only the solo-players sense their terrible loneliness.

When honour and friendship are the words of a club's most ancient creed,

And a man can borrow what time he's short and his friends are his friends in need.

He can think of the cardroom's pleasant ghosts if the present sometimes palls—

They were mighty ghosts in the cardroom then, upstairs at Tattersall's.

N.S.W.

—ERIC BAUME

Christmas "Scramble" Caps Another Memorable Year

Frank Muller's splendid victory in the Monthly Point Score and a great gathering of the Swimming Club clan for the "Christmas Scramble" festivities were the big items of last month.

MULLER, a Bondi Surf Club man, swimming with us for his first season, has improved out of sight, so much so that the Handicapper noted it and docked him a second in the handicaps. But that has not stopped him and in the current Point Score he is in fourth place, only three points behind the leaders, Harold Herman and Fred Harvie.

The lastnamed gave a great whoop of joy when John Gunton gave him an extra second and has landed a first and a second since, but we do wonder why they will persist in giving him the traditional Swimming Club raspberry.

Though Bill Kendall missed one race in the monthly series he still was second to Muller, only $1\frac{1}{2}$ points astern, and in one of his wins he swam 19 seconds for the two laps. Result — a second off his handicap.

Others to suffer the same fate G.P.S. foot were Fred Daly, who hasn't Swiming been the same since, and Peter itchy feet TATTERSALL'S CLUB MAGAZINE, JANUARY, 1955. Page 6

Williams, who has struck a rare patch of form to swim 22.5.

A noteworthy happening took place on 14th December when in a heat over 40 yards all three competitors, Frank Muller, Leigh Bowes and Hermie Doerner, tied for first place.

In the same event there were two other ties for first in heats, which necessitated three division finals, the first time this has happened in the history of the Club.

It was pleasing to welcome new members in the brothers, C. and Leigh Bowes, the latter an ex-Randwick and Coogee swimmer who showed nice style to win a heat first-up in 22, and Dr. Paddy Grattan Smith, who used to perform well for University Club. Paddy is a son of T. J., who always has been a regular Pool adherent.

Another new prospect is Bob Walder, better known, perhaps, as a sparkling Union winger in G.P.S. football for Scots.

Swiming Club members have itchy feet apparently, for we

note that Bill Phillips and Fred Harvie sailed for a trip to N.Z. and Fiji per Orsova, and Bill Kirwan is going to N.Z. early this month, whilst Jerry Creer is off to England in March.

Secretary Jack Dexter and wife are off to New Guinea for a month or so in February. Good luck to them all!

The Christmas Scramble on December 21 gave the boys a grand opportunity to pass their seasonal greetings to one another. The 8 men aside teams' event provided a grand finish and a really splendid race.

It looked odds on Bill Kendall's team taking out with two laps to go as Ralph Carrick had a good lead, but Fred Harvie and Hermie Doerner overhauled him and tied for first, with Carl Phillips very close up third, whilst Kendall's lot ended up last but not far behind.

In the traditional Consolation Race, of six laps across, limit man George Goldie proved a popular and clear winner, with scratch man, Bill Kendall, second, and Bill Williams third.

John Gunton presented the trophies, seasonal cheer, after Jack Dexter had passed the season's greetings to all, and owing to the generosity of the many Club supporters every swimmer took something away to cheer him on his Christmas way.

Club spokesman, Fred Daly, M.P., got in a little practice during the off-season from Canberra by fittingly thanking the Club Gestapo, Sam Block, John Gunton and Jack Dexter, for their work during the season, and from somewhere produced a bottle of "bubbly" with which those officials could drink their own health.

Thanks go from the Swimming Club to those sportsmen who made the function the success it was — Messrs. J. Buckle, P. Hill, J. N. Creer, G. Goldie, C. Godhard, V. Richards, S. Peters, K. Williams, J. Harris, G. Fienberg, K. Ranger, E. Vandenberg, A. Stewart, N. Penfold, E. E. Davis, L. Bloom, E. A. Davis, C. Salmon, A. McCamley, C. Hoole, S. Murray, F. Muller, A. J. Costin, D. Wilson and J. Gunton.

The Club wishes all of Tattersall's Club members a very bright and prosperous 1955.

Racing will be resumed on Tuesday, 11th January, with a Brace Relay Handicap over 80 yards.

Results

23rd November, 1954. — 80

yards Brace Relay Handicap: J. N. Creer and R. Corrick (55) 1, B. Chiene and R. Harris (46) 2, S. Murray and F. Muller (51) 3. Time, 52.8 secs.

30th November, 1954. — 40 yards Handicap—1st Division Final: F. Daly (29) 1, H. E. Davis (22) 2, P. Williams (24) 3. Time, 27.8 secs. 2nd Division Final: W. Kendall (20) 1, B. Chiene (24) 2, L. Trafford (26) 3. Time, 19 secs.

7th December, 1954 — 80 yards Brace Relay Handicap: R. Corrick and H. Herman (55) 1, M. Fuller and F. Harvie (43) 2, B. Chiene and S. Murray (49) 3. Time, 53.9 secs.

14th December, 1954 — 40 yards Handicap—1st Division Final: P. Williams (24) 1, R. Corrick (28) 2, P. Lindsay (25) and F. L. Bowes (22) 3. Time, 22.5 secs. 2nd Division Final: F. Harvie (22) 1, H. Herman (27) 2, H. Doerner (21) 3. Time, 21.4 secs. 3nd Division Final: F. Muller (25) 1, G. Laforest (22) 2, S. Murray (25) 3. Time, 24.5 secs.

21st December — 320 yards Teams Handicap Christmas Scramble: H. Doerner's team and F. Harris' team, tie, 1; C. B. Phillips' team 3, W. Kendall's team 4. Consolation 6 laps across Handicap: G. Goldie (36) 1, W. Kendall (19) 2, W. Williams (22) 3.

November Point Score

This series resulted: F. Muller, 22 points, 1; W. Kendall, 20½, 2; H. E. Davis, C. Godhard and F. Daly, 19, 3; R. Dowling, J. N. Creer and S. Murray, 17½, 6; J. O. Dexter and R. Harris, 17, 9; G. Laforest and C. B. Phillips, 16½, 11; B. Chiene, 16, 13; A. Stewart and H. Herman, 15½, 14.

December-January Point Score

With two events to complete it, the leaders in this series are: H. Herman and F. Harvie 15, R. Corrick 14½, F. Muller and S. Murray 12, P. Williams and M. Fuller 11, G. Laforest 10½, C. Godhard 9, G. Eastment and P. Lindsay 8, J. O. Dexter 7½, H. E. Davis, W. Williams and C. Hoole 7.

"Native Son" Point Score

The leaders in this series, for all points scored during the season, were at the end of 1954: H. Herman 55½, F. Muller 50, G. Laforest 44, S. Murray 421. R. Harris 42, H. E. Davis 41½, F. Harvie 41, A. Stewart 40½, C. B. Phillips 37, C. Hoole 35½, J. O. Dexter 34½, J. N. Creer 331, R. Corrick 33, W. Kendall 32½, B. Chiene 32, C. Godhard 31, P. Lindsay 29, T. Barrell 26, F. Daly 25, W. Kirwan and R. Dowling 23½, S. Larking and N. Barrell 23, R. Burnham 22½, A. McCamley 22, P. Williams 21½.

* Members! DINE and WINE IN YOUR CLUB

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3 Outings — 3 Victories!

The prowess of Tatts. Bowlers was again manifested, as in our last three engagements against very strong opposition we recorded three victories. One of particular note was the 17-point win against that formidable foe, Chatswood. Our Bowlers handled the heavy going very well and throughout the game they had the edge on their opponents.

AGAINST N.S.W. Club we turned in a winning card on the whole six rinks, to win by 64 points, a feat which is rarely achieved. Imbued with this success, it was a very confident combination that took the green against Cinema and history was almost repeated, as we won on four rinks out of the five, with Bill McDonald's rink just tailing by the narrowest of margins, thus giving us a win of 10 points.

"Thanksgiving Day" was celebrated with all the pomp and dignity befitting this occasion. President Gordon Booth, in his usual inimitable style, expressed the appreciation of Tatt's. Bowlers and on their behalf presented to Double Bay a very handsome Presidential Table to adorn their magnificent new Club House. In accepting this gift, Vice-President Max Valkenburg, on behalf of the President and Members of Double

Tattersall's v. Chatswood

J. Pick, P. Schwartz, J. McKendrick, C. Traversi (Tatt's Stallari, Brocklebank, Bedgood, Greentee (C'wood) A. Turner, E. Davis, W. Jones, W. McDonald (Tatt's.)	. 25
Bunn, Jones, Geddes, Chines (C'wood)	. 30
K. Williams, A. Neustadt, S. Peters, L. Plasto (Tatt's	.) 28
Spillane, Vaughan, Caines, Hammond (C'wood)	
C. Young, K. Ranger, R. Spencer, H. Hill (Tatt's.)	
	. 16
	. 21
Lelean, Cullen-Ward, Diamond, Harvey (C'wood)	. 21
Tattersall's v. N.S.W. Club	
C. Cohen, F. Empson, J. McKendrick, K. Williams (Tatt's	
V. Raves, E. Redix, M. Valkenberg, F. Hill (N.S.W.) .	. 16
G. Levey, H. E. Davis, A. Turner, G. Booth (Tatt's.) .	. 25
Marshall, Richardson, Flynn, Watson (N.S.W.)	
W. Ditford, G. Marshall, E. A. Davis, T. O'Shea (Tatt's	
W. Herriott, Thomas, Lindsay, Heath (N.S.W.)	
C. Young, A. Neustadt, W. Kelso, C. L. Davis (Tatt's.	
Newman, Hardy, Watskins, Poole (N.S.W.)	
S. Harris, J. Pick, A. Gillespie, H. Hill (Tatt's.)	
L. Watson, Flynn, Ruthven, Campbell (N.S.W.)	
F. Gawler, G. Lewis, P. Schwartz, Bill McDonald (Tatt's	
Doust, Newson, Bradney, Wagner (N.S.W.)	. 23
Tattersall's v. Cinema	
B. Levey, A. McDowell, J. Harris, P. Schartz (Tatt's.) .	. 21
Gillespie, Abbott, Wilson, Hinton (Cinema)	. 19
F. Empson, J. Saulwick, I. Silk, G. Booth (Tatt's.)	. 21
Foster, Higginson, Frost, Webster (Cinema)	. 19
	. 24
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M. Rooney, J. McGrath, J. Ruthven, J. McKendrick (Tatt's	
Jones, Gawler, Pick, Mix (Cinema)	
In our wid-week "Knock-out" Competition, eight game played, with the following results:—	s were
W. Bull (Cricketers' Club) 25 def. Bill McDonald (Tatt's.) . 17
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H. Hill (Tatt's.)	16) 13
H. Dawson (Manly Surt) 21 def. L. Dickson (Manly Go	olf) 14
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And so concluded a happy successful year. To Alec Buckle, our most efficient and hardworking Hon. Secretary, we say a special "Thank you," and look forward to what he promises will be an even bigger and brighter programme in 1955.

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BONDI SURFERS LOOK AT TATTERSALL'S

The following short article, which appeared recently in the "Bondi Surfer"—magazine of the Bondi Surf Bathers' Life Saving Club—is a pleasant note of how outsiders view our pool and swimming club. "Outsiders" is, perhaps, hardly the word for our Bondi friends; many are members, of course, and many others are often our most welcome guests.

66 N the third floor of a building in Elizabeth Street on Tuesdays and Thursday of each week between 1 p.m. and 2 p.m. there usually gathers a group of men with names very familiar to most Bondi members. For this building is Tattersall's Club and the men are members or ex-members of Bondi who are fortunate enough to be members of the city's leading sporting club. The reason for the gathering is the regular weekly swimming events of the Tattersall's Swimming Club for on the third floor is the only elevated indoor swimming pool in the Southern Hemisphere.

The swimmers are mostly past their prime and racing is restricted to 40 yard events, but the club has in the past challenged and beaten district clubs in relay events over 40 yard laps. At present the club's leading swimmer is Bill Kendall, ex-Olympian and the first Australian to break the minute over 100 metres and with Carl Phillips and Bruce Hodgson and three or four others, the club would still be hard to beat over the short distance.

Other names well known to Bondi are Gordon Boulton, ex-Captain of North Steyne; Bill Phillips, Australian Swimming Union Secretary; Bruce Chiene, and Rugby League and Union champions of the past Viv Thicknesse, Rod O'Loan and Viv Richards.

Norths are represented by Arthur Allsopp, Bruce Hodgson, Carl Phillips and Laurie Trafford but our Club has easily the biggest representation of any of the kindred surfing, swimming or football bodies. Some of them

are Eric Adnam, Fred Clift, John Dexter (both senior and junior), Ted Emanuel, Ken Francis, Les Fingleton, Fred Harvie, Hermie Doerner, Allan Rennix and Frank Muller. With this gathering a great deal of enjoyment is derived from the swimming and it has been noted that the Bondi men have not lost their capacity to swim well judged races in the handicap events—others call it just plain foxing.

The Club is headed by Jack Dexter, senior, who has been its Secretary ever since the pool was constructed over 25 years ago. Incidentally, Jack, as Chairman of the Swimming Association, was largely responsible for having the pool available for winter training for our State and Australian still water champions and coming champions and some of our own members have had this privilege extended to them in the past.

A grand Club, with the Bondi boys right to the forefront."

Personalities at Club's 2-Day

Old friends returned to the official luncheons: Eric Byron, formerly secretary of City Tattersall's Club, on Carrington day; Fred Wilson, formerly A.J.C. handicapper, on Cup day. Fred Wilson appeared without his customary carnation, and so did Ian Feaks, his successor, who seems to have dropped out of the buttonhole parade since Fred withdrew.

TREASURER John Roles sported an attractive bloom. Dick Bates, directing attention to this, caused Fred to whisper, perhaps in self defence, "Grown from a slip I gave him."

Tom Preston remained true to custom: fragrant cigar and superlative bloom, such as gave him distinction 40 years ago.

Secretary Dave Dawson approached the tote to take a double on Villiers day, entered into conversation with a woman he knew, heard her ask for a double and himself absentmindedly called for it instead of his own.

Although Dave saved his stake by another bet, he agreed that, as a general principle, the punter-philosophy was compressed in terse terms: "Bet first, talk later."

Suffering Cup day heat, Bill Brooks sighed for the breezes of Cronulla, while Bill Kirwan was wishing he could dive from the floor level of the official stand into the club's pool. They had not a New Year's Eve hangover, but some others arrived with their tongues out. "Where's the waterhole?" one was heard to inquire.

Harry Smith told of having retired at a "respectable hour" on New Year's Eve and having been at the beach for his daily swim at 6.30 a.m. on New Year's Day. That's the form, if you can make it — and retain it.

Harry Campbell was with Harold Siddins, Moree grazier, friend of pre-World War I days.

The Newcastle contingent have at least one good thing a day. When they declared for Spanish Fiesta in the first race on Villiers Day, Committeeman Bill Sellen pricked his ears. Dave Dawson did not misread the signal and relayed it to Wally Buxton (chairman of City Tattersall's Club), and Eric Byron.

The Novocastrians included: Garry Fitzpatrick (president of Newcastle Tattersall's Club), Eric Smith (vice-president). Dave Mackie (past president), Brian O'Donnell (secretary), Rex Sanderson and Dr. Alton Cusick.

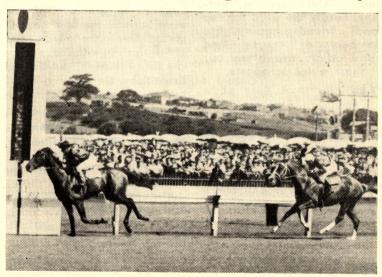
Missing on Cup day was Harold Bishop — down with 'flu.

W. J. (John) Barton, back from a world tour, talked of super-markets in the U.S. with a variety of articles for sale, thus simplifying shopping and making parking easy.

Frank Hicks was seeing his last race meeting in Sydney for some time. He's off again on a world tour in the company of his wife.

Directing the meeting were members of the committee, led by the chairman (John Hickey). Theirs was a job well done. Each and every one acted as host and thus contributed to the enjoyment of both days.

Gay Vista's Carrington Triumph



The six-furlong Carrington Stakes, main event of the first "leg" of the Club's New Year Meeting at Randwick (28th December, 1954), was won easily by the favourite, Gay Vista (Port Vista (imp.)-Gay Fault). Gay Vista, owned by Mrs. S. S. Crick, with Mr. L. J. O'Sullivan, led throughout to beat Stirrup Cup by $2\frac{1}{2}$ lengths.—Photo courtesy The Sun.

Meeting

Racing Taken In Comfort

Down with Dress Conventions; Up with Ease and Elegance

THE sizzler on Tattersall's

Cup day aroused recollections, relative and comparative.

Trainer Bert Bellingham mentioned that his son, manager of the Commercial Bank at Walgett, reported a recent recording of 111 degrees in the shade.

Jack Blake recalled 121 degrees at Moree in 1901, the year following that of the big flood.

Into the picture breezed Barney Fay in a tropical suit featured usually by John Roles, whereupon the discussion ended after someone posed the old question: "Why will men who can't shed coats in the Saddling Paddock, much less the Official Stand, be so enslaved by convention as to wear winter garb in summer?"

A suggestion was that Jack Roles, Barney Fay and Mel Lawton became the front of a Movement for Saner Dressing.

The Duke of Edinburgh struck a blow for comfort. Having been advised that Randwick was torrid in February, he replied that the Queen would favour a simple summer frock and he himself would wear a sac suit.

THIS RACING GAME

Reflections of Tattersall's Club Meeting

CANDID BUT CONSTRUCTIVE COMMENT CONTRIBUTED BY A MEMBER AND PUBLISHED WITHOUT PREJUDICE.

OUR Carrington Cup meeting attracted crowds in the current diminishing scale of racing attendances; and the fields in some events were sparse, as well as the reverse of classy.

We should not blink the facts. Seeing is believing. Let us lime the picture without retouching to provide a distorted impression.

Organisers of our meeting did everything to attract public interest. Arrangements worked perfectly in timing and overall functioning. The people turned up, not altogether in small numbers, but still below what had been the order of the day in the near past.

We could not overcome a decline in racecourse attendances or contend against failure of many racehorse owners and trainers to nominate their charges for liberal prize-money. Our offer was good, but the response in those departments was not heartening. This view was shared by many club members, regular racegoers.

The present dip is probably only temporary. Meantime we—meaning all with a stake in the racing game — must continue striving; not sitting back and waiting for something to happen by chance.

We regular racegoers do not share public criticism of the A.J.C. and the S.T.C. for the decline in attendances. The causes are not organisational but competitive and economic. Crowding the fence to hurl abuse is not good enough. Wanted is calm counsel in constructive terms.

To be remembered is that the racing game, in common with other forms of entertainment, is subject to vicissitude. Truly has it been said "great horses make for great meetings." The vintage years will come again. Meanwhile cut the yelping. All who thrive by racing should realise they have an obligation expressed mainly through cooperation.

Males, including A.J.C. committeemen, who would otherwise have suffered the torture of top hats and morning dress, sighed gratefully.

Likewise women. They dared not attempt to outdress the Queen and, in consequence, looked visions of freshness and loveliness.

But that's not enough. The sartorial triumvirs — Messrs. Roles, Fay and Lawton — must carry on the campaign to bring ease and comfort, associated with elegance, to the conventionally shackled!

"The View from the Roof"

Perhaps you have not realised that Tattersall's Club is one of the show places of Sydney. Yet every day members arrive with a group of friends and a proprietorial air, calling upon the visitors to witness the magnificence of the spacious lounge, the delights of the indoor pool, or the splendour of the dining room.

THESE things are all unique in Australian clubdom, but if you will come with me I will take you to the most interesting sights of all—the views of the city from the roof.

Very few men ever think of a visit to the roof of a building. This inhibition is a legacy from our childhood, when ascending to the roof involved a climb through dark and dusty passages, perpendicular ladders, and an abundance of cobwebs, with at last a precarious foothold on sloping and slippery surfaces. All that is changed, and to-day, in most modern structures, the lift will take you to the top of the building, where the floor is the roof and the roof the sky. And so we will take the lift to the roof of Tattersall's Club, and survey the city of Sydney that is spread out, like a cyclorama, around us.

It is a new and unfamiliar Sydney that we see from this unusual angle, and it will take quite a few minutes before we will get our bearing. I have found that one of the first questions asked on the roof by visitors is "where is - - (naming the suburb in which they live) from here?" The obvious reply is: "Now where would you think?" and you can safely lay

odds that with the four points of the compass to choose from, they will not pick it in three, certainly not unless they are given half an hour to work it out.

The panorama is too large to take in one visit, so we will content ourselves on this trip by proceeding to the front of the building to look down on Elizabeth Street, with Hyde Park spread out like a magic carpet before us. It will help to remember that Elizabeth Street runs almost due north and south, and that the building therefore faces almost due east.

One of the first things you will look for, after a sweeping glance around, is the position of Sydney Heads. There you will see the bold, defiance battlement of North Head in the distance. approximately north-east of the building. Have a guess at the distance. It is 6½ miles. In a direct line east, straight in front of you at a point north of Ben Buckler, Bondi, lies the Pacific Ocean, 4½ miles away; not as the crow flies, because the crow does not fly straight, but by a direct air line.

The position of South Head is marked of course by the lighthouse, built in 1817. You will no doubt ask why the lighthouse was not built on the higher and more prominent North Head. The reason was that it was more easily accessible by land, and when vessels were sighted in the early days of the colony, messengers used to gallop along old South Head Road to the settlement at Sydney Cove to announce their arrival.

North and South Head guard the entrance to Port Jackson, as everyone knows. But not everyone knows "Who Jackson?" He was not, as was long supposed, a member of Captain Cook's crew, who reported sighting the entrance. He was the brother of a woman in Yorkshire upon whose estate Captain Cook worked as a boy, and occupying an important position at the Admiralty, was a staunch friend of Cook's. He afterwards assumed the unromantic name of Duckett, in order to qualify for inheritance of a bequest from his second wife's uncle. Well, plenty of people have changed their name for less.

Randwick and Coogee lie south-east. You will get the direction by taking a line through the tower at the show-ground.

But let us come closer to the foreground, and have a look at some of the many historic buildings in Sydney. The most striking object to the north is the golden ball on the roof of the "Sun" building, but that has not had time to become historic. Rising in the midst of a group of buildings to our left

if the shapely copper spire of a church, of an elusive, delightful green that can never be painted except by age. This is St. James—not, as many believe, the oldest church in Sydney. That distinction is held by St. Phillip's, at the city end of the Sydney Harbour Bridge. (St. Phillip's is interesting because the first time it was filled it was by a meeting of the "rebels" who deposed Governor Bligh.)

But St. James was originally intended as a court house. For five years, Governor Macquarie, who was, after Phillip, our greatest Governor, had been collecting public subscriptions, no less, for the erection of a new court On October 7, 1819, house. when the population of Sydney was only about 9,000, all the notables assembled to witness the laving of the foundation stone. Among them was Commissioner Bigge, who had been sent out from England to report on the state of the colony, with more power than the Governor himself. Within a fortnight, Bigge had noticed that there was not room at St. Phillips to accommodate the convicts who were mustered for compulsory church parade, so he ordered that the building for a court house was to be changed into a church, and thus St. James' came into being.

Bigge then went off to Tasmania, then Van Dieman's Land, and a part of the colony of New South Wales. While he was away, Macquarie, on March 20, 1820, laid the foundation of a public school alongside the church. As soon as Bigge returned to Sydney he promptly ordered it to be converted into

a court house, and thus we have our present Supreme Court.

It is an evidence of the great change that has come over the social conditions of the peoplein the last hundred years or so that the church which was primarily inspired to accommodate convicts has become one of Sydney's most fashionable.

Originally the pulpit in St. James' was built in the centre of the church, so that the preacher had his back to half the congregation. The convicts had a special gallery, and tramped in on hobnailed boots by a separate door on the southern side.

The first archdeacon of the colony, one Thomas Scott, took a violent dislike to a prominent citizen named Hall, who rented a pew in a good position in the church, and with his six motherless daughters regularly attended divine service. The Archdeacon ordered this worshipper to take a back seat. The citizen refused. He knew more of his civil and ecclesiastical rights than the clergyman, and insisted upon them. The police were brought in with staves to prevent the citizen occupying his pew, and for several Sundays services were conducted while the citizen stood in the middle of the aisle and his daughters sat on the cold stone steps of the altar On more than one occasion the man eluded the police and jumped into his box pew and lifted his daughters in after him. Thereupon the Archdeacon had the pew covered with boards, secured by iron bars and The citizen sued the screws. Archdeacon for damages, won

his case, and the archdeacon resigned his £2,000 a year appointment and left the colony.

On the other side of Macquarie Street is another old building known to us to-day as "The Mint" This is one of three buildings known originally as the "Rum" hospital (to the locals), and called the Sydney General Hospital for official purposes. The nickname arose because Governor Macquarie, hoping to save expenses for the Imperial Government, let a contract to the builders to have the building erected for the right to the monopoly of the sale of 45,000 gallons of rum, free stone, and a free supply of convict labour. In those days patients looked after themselves between sundown and sunrise, and did their own cooking and washing in the wards. The northern part of this old hospital now forms part of Parliament House, while the present Sydney Hospital is built on the site of the old central The remaining buildbuilding. ing did not become the Mint until the early 'fifties, but has not been used as such for many years.

Alongside it on the right is another ancient building with a clock in front of it. This was originally built in Macquarie's time as a convict barracks. Later it became the depot where immigrants found accommodation until they found employment, and later still it became the District Court.

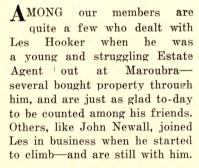
Macquarie Street at one time ran right through the centre of Hyde Park to Liverpool Street, but in the early 'fifties the central avenue was formed.

To be Continued

Man With a Success Story

Friendly Les Hooker Has Climbed Far in Real Estate Business

In this series of articles dealing with personalities among our membership we have rarely featured a man whose main claim to our interest was his success in business; feeling, perhaps, that material success is not always a measure of a man's worth. We make the exception in this case of Les Hooker, partly because he has made an individual success in one of the most difficult facets of the business world, from the humblest of beginnings; partly because he has done so while still retaining the personal and business friendships with which he started—no mean feat.



It has been said that, to retain your digestion, your sense of humour and your friends while you are gaining business and financial success is the mark of genius. If that is true, Les Hooker must come close to genius.

Les Hooker's story is simply told Back in 1928, in his early twenties, he was partner in a small building-contracting firm, and came out of his last building job very broke. He had always had rather more interest in the property than the technical side of the business, and, thrown on his own almost non-existent resources, Les decided to open up

as an Estate Agent in the newly developing suburb of Maroubra.

With the assistance of one junior, Les Hooker's Real Estate Office was steadily profitable, even during the depression years. By 1934 the busi ness had developed to the state where a move to greener fields seemed indicated - and the move was made to the rough. tough city of Sydney; to O'Connell Street. The year 1934 was a kev year in his life - he married just after the momentous move. Two years later the present premises on the corner of Pitt Street and Martin Place became the Head Office. Now there are ten separate offices of L. J. Hooker Ltd., and nearly 200 employees. More remarkable even that the physical growth of the business is the growth in prestige. It is not often that any field has one company so outstanding in leadership; but L. J. Hooker Ltd. have headed the Annual Property Sales Report in the Herald for four years running, with



yearly turnovers over the tenmillion mark. There is scarcely a property sale of any size, in city or country, that does not have the company as principal agent or associate.

Why Les Hooker has climbed so steadily and surely to the top of his chosen field is not so easily told. The Real Estate business is not exactly an easy one, and it takes exceptional shrewdness to make even a moderate living at it, particularly if you start without the back-stop of comfortable capi-So obviously the first quality in Les Hooker's success is his ability to be outstandingly good in his knowledge, his flair for real estate. But there has been much more than that. He has the knack of picking associates — the company still has the same directors it started with, as a nucleus; there have been younger men added as the years have gone by, but no changes among the originals. He has established all sorts of profit-sharing

systems which have retained the enthusiasm of the people that work for him, and encouraged the personal individuality that is rather a feature of the real estate field.

Most importantly, Les Hooker has looked upon his business as a service rather than a machine for making profit—and it is amazing how often in this world, if you try to put more into life than you take out of it, you finish up further ahead than you would have thought possible.

Of course, Les Hooker is in business to make money — just as we all are. But his company has gained the reputation that it would sooner keep a friend than turn over a quick pound—and that has been Les Hooker's own personal policy from the start. That, plus business acumen, plus a knack of building a team out of individualists, represents the most probable key to his phenomenal rise.

Now, of course, Les Hooker is in the property-owning side, through his association with Rex Investments Ltd., an investment and building company engaged in the development of housing estates, the erection of flat buildings and other types of premises. commercial "other types" includes the building of hotels, which has been the class of business for which Rex Building Co. has become famous. The "Rex." in Macleav Street: the "Golden Grove," at Maroubra Junction; the Hotel Caringbah — all these are hotels that show just how comfortable, how pleasant a good hotel can be. Others are a-building — the new hotel at Bondi, expected to be finished this month, and another at St. Marys.

The Les Hooker that you meet in the Club — generally on the

fourth floor, and mostly with his close friend, John Newall—gives you little evidence of his leadership in the business world. A friendly man, a little reserved and quiet about his personal life. He will confess to a love for Rugby — he particularly follows the G.P.S. football, stimulated by the fact that he has two sons at The King's School. He used to play a deal of golf at the Australian Golf Club, but now prefers swimming, particularly with the two boys and their sister.

Randwick rarely sees him. In

fact, he will tell you that his only possible interest in racing would be the ownership of a thoroughbred stud; this is the Real Estate Man talking, stimulated by the fact that both his boys have shown more preference for the land than for business. And if Les Hooker did decide to enter such a difficult and chancy side of property ownership, you can lay your bets that he would steer his venture success with the same friendly shrewdness that has placed him at the top of his own field.

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GOLF

GENE SARAZEN, that dynamic little American professional who won the Australian Open in 1936, has published a biography.

It ranks among the best golfing books of the post-war years.

Most golfers of world repute eventually get around to analysing their technique and offering in book form the secrets to better golf.

Few, however, manage to incorporate their hints in such a warm and amusing "rags to riches" success story as Sarazen achieves in his "Thirty Years of Championship Golf" (Prentice-Hall, New York).

The reason is probably that Sarazen was assisted by Herbert Warren Wind, America's outstanding writer on golfing lore, whose earlier definitive "Story of American Golf" gave full reign to his encyclopaedic knowledge and deep enthusiasm for the game.

Sarazen's active champion ship career covered a remarkably long period — evidence of a style that proved equal to the test of new weapons, longer courses and different techniques.

He won his first U.S. Open in 1922 and the British and U.S. Opens in 1932, and tied but lost the play-off in the U.S. Open in 1949.

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This is his advice:

- Bad golf is played with the shoulders and body; good golf is played with the hands.
- The hands are the generals.
- If a player masters the correct grip, he will discover that it makes a correct stance second nature.
- The two together, correct stance and correct grip, lead naturally and easily to a onepiece swing — the absolute fundamental without which you cannot hit a golf ball correctly.

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BREEDING

TUST as Rising Fast has been proved by Spring racing to be the best horse in Australia, so two events at the Victorian carnival this season have stamped Lady Mogambo the champion filly.

Her performance in winning the Oaks Stakes at Flemington set the seal on her greatness and left racegoers wondering just how far she will go before ultimately finding her destiny as a brood mare.

There were long odds about her winning the One Thousand Guineas, the restrictive conditions of which compelled her to submit to a ballot at acceptance time.



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As events proved it was fortunate she survived the seven to four chance against her in the ballot, otherwise she may have passed from the scene as "just another filly."

After surviving the ballot, she overcame the tremendous obstacle of starting from No. 22.

From the turn there was no question about the result.

Her Oaks success was scored almost as easily. as she was being eased down by jockey Bill Camer as she lobbed past the post well clear of Honeyflow and Travel Free.

Lady Mogambo has everything to recommend her — size, conformation, temperament, early pace and stamina, and a magnificent background in blood.

She is by the imported sire, Woodruffe, from Princess Geraldine.

The latter was a daughter of Medieval Knight (imp.), from Geraldine, who was by Heroic by Sheaun.

Sheaun was by Spearhead (imp.), son of Spearmint and grandson of Carbine, from Queen of Florence, daughter of Comedy King (imp.), a Melbourne Cup winner and a successful sire, from Florentina (imp.) by Sheen.

In Lady Mogambo the double cross of Carbine came through Woodruffe, who was by the English Derby winner, Bois Roussel, from Aroma.

Bois Roussel was by Vatout from Lucky Liege, daughter of Carbine's son, Spearmint, and Aroma was by Fairway, son of Phalaris, from Aloe, a daughter of Son-In-Law, a potent force in the production of thoroughbreds.

N.Z. HORSES

A LEADING Victorian doubles bookmaker correctly summed up Australian racing opinion when he used asterisks on his betting charts to denote New Zealand horses entered for the Melbourne Cup. He knew that punters wanted to back stayers from the Dominion above all others.

The bookmaker reported that the innovation was extremely popular with punters, and had resulted in increased business. "The use of the asterisk was an obvious move," he said. "The first thing a punter does when weights for the Cup are issued is to search for the N.Z. entries."

Bookmakers are wary about the Dominion stayers and take no risks with them. In early charts N.Z. stayers were prominent in the betting, though several of them had little chance of making the trip to Australia.

This singling out of N.Z. stayers for special attention, a definite compliment to the breeding industry of that country, stems mainly from the 1952 Melbourne Cup. Champion Dalray won the big race, with Dominion horses, Reformed and Unfaan, finishing third and fourth respectively.

Dalray gripped the imagination of all racegoers during his 1952 visit to Australia. He proved his superiority in Sydney and then won the Melbourne Cup with 9.8.

Dalray's 9.8 was a terrific weight for a four-year-old, and is the second highest ever carried successfully by a horse of his age. Record for a four-year-old is the 9.12 humped by the mighty Phar Lap—another New Zealander — when he won the Cup in 1930.

Australia always has been the testing ground for N.Z. thoroughbreds and the invasion from across the Tasman grows more formidable each year.

On the other hand, Australian champions seldom visit the Dominion probably because there are more important races and bigger prize-money to be won at home.

Without detracting in any way from the merits of N.Z. horses, it is certain that Austra-

lian champions like Peter Pan, Comic Court, Delta, Hydrogen and others would have more than paid expenses had they been raced on N.Z. tracks.

There's no denying the class and staying ability of the N.Z. horse. It must be conceded that their best thoroughbreds have the edge on our champions—both past and present.

For it isn't only in the last few years that NZ stayers started to win the Melbourne Cup. Martini-Henry (1883) and the immortal Carbine (1890) started the ball rolling.

More recently N.Z. Cup winners include Sasanof (1916), Nightmarch (1929), Phar Lap (1930), Wotan (1936), Catalogue (1938), Hiraji (1947), Foxzami (1949) and Dalray (1952), and, of course, Rising Fast.

It is an imposing record considering the comparatively small proportion of N.Z. thoroughbreds to contest the various Cups. Which raises the question — Why is it that such a small country can produce thoroughbreds which measure up to the best in the world?

Breeders from Australia and all parts of the world say that N.Z. owes its high place in the industry to its rich pastures, equable temperature, abundant sunshine and regular, even rainfall.

Horses grow to maturity outof-doors for practically the whole of the year, which makes for toughness—a trait common to most of the N.Z. champions who have raced in Australia. Many keen horsemen declare that the N.Z. thoroughbred is better boned and sounder than any in the world.

But, besides the natural benefits of the country, there has been a vigorous policy of importing the best stock from England, Ireland and France. N.Z. was the one country which during the war years, didn't drastically cut its imports of bloodstock.

Since 1939 more than 60 thoroughbreds, representing all the winning sire families in England, Ireland and France, have been imported into N.Z. And even last century N.Z. breeders showed intelligence and a remarkable foresight in the stallions and mares they imported.

The importation of Musket to N.Z. not only produced Carbine and many other great stayers but had a tremendous influence on the bloodstock of the world.

Australians may argue about the respective merits of the horses from both countries but they must admit that N.Z. has

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produced the two greatest horses of all time — Carbine and Phar Lap.

Carbine's win with 10.5 in the 1890 Melbourne Cup is a performance which has never been equalled and probably never will be.

When the son of Musket finished racing he was bought by the Duke of Portland for 13,000 guineas and shipped to England in 1895.

Carbine stood at a stud fee of 200 guineas, which dropped to 20 guineas when he was an early failure. Suddenly his progeny started to win races and one of his sons, Spearmint, landed the English Derby in 1906.

Altogether Carbine's progeny won more than £160,000 in stakes — a huge amount in those years. He did more than any other stallion to bring Australasian bloodstock into world recognition.

Whether Carbine was a better horse than Phar Lap is a point which has been argued for years. It's impossible to compare them with any accuracy because of the different conditions which existed when they raced.

But to all Australians who saw Phar Lap race he was the greatest ever. They couldn't imagine any horse in the world beating him at level weights.

The "Red Terror's" win in the Melbourne Cup of 1930 was one of the most sensational in turf history. On the Saturday morning before the race an attempt was made to shoot Phar Lap as he was on his way back to his stables after a morning gallop.

A gangster in a car fired a shotgun at the champion, missed the gelding and drove off. Phar Lap was then guarded closely and motor-cycle police protected his float on the way to Flemington on Cup day. Detectives were with Phar Lap right up to the moment he stepped on to the course proper for the race.

Phar Lap carried his big weight easily, won by lengths at 11/8 on, shortest price ever offered—and taken—about a Cup winner.

And if Dalray hadn't broken down he might have challenged the fame of Carbine and Phar Lap.

It's doubtful whether either of the two former great N.Z. stayers could have bettered Dalray's performance in the two-mile Sydney Cup at Randwick in 1952.

Dalray, who carried 8.2, gave one of the greatest staying performances ever seen by a three-year-old colt. Left half-a-furlong on a heavy track he was beaten only in a photo finish by Opulent (7.1) after being ridden a shockingly misjudged race by his N.Z. jockey, K. Nuttall.

Dalray's wins at weight-forage and in The Metropolitan at Randwick and in the Melbourne Cup stamped him as one of the really great stavers developed in N.Z.

Another great N.Z. stayer, who didn't race in Australia, was Mainbrace. He won 17 successive races and would have started a hot favorite in a Melbourne Cup. From all reports Mainbrace was close to the standard set by Carbine and Phar Lap

N.Z. breeders seem to be able to develop champion stayers year in, year out. For this Australian racegoers are thankful for a Melbourne Cup without a Dominion horse would be like Wimbledon without an Australian.

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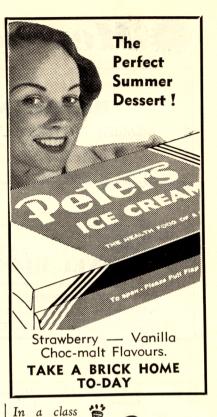
ANUARY, 1934! The Depression was over, times were steadily improving, membership of the Club was on the upward grade again after three lean years. Bill Hill was Chairman, Stan Chatterton was Treasurer. Peter Pan was still racing, so was the winner of the 1933 Melbourne Cup, Hall Mark. Harbour Bridge had been opened only twenty months, the Hyde Park War Memorial was still a-building. Tattersall's Club Whisky was 11/6 a full bottle. Members faced the year with pleasureable anticipation that Club life would have plenty of interest, both in the serious and the social sense.

TANUARY, 1934, saw the popular interclub competitions off again to a keen start. We had a "bye" in the first round, but a number of members attended the contests between Masonic and N.S.W. Sportswhich Masonic won; or between C.T.A. and City Tattersall'swon by City Tatts.

THE month saw the passing of two old identities in sport: Mr. J. E. Bradbury, a bowls player of some note-he was the first Champion of Champions away back in 1899. And Mr. C. H. Diamond, bookmaking partner of our evergreen Alf Genge.

OF course the Swimming and Golf sections of the Club were active as usual. In the Swimming Vic. Richards was leading easily in the Dewar Cup from brother Alec. But in the contest for the newly-established John Samuel Cup the honours were the other way about, with Alec ahead by a point, and two more events still to come.

JANUARY, 1934, saw the first Wedding Reception ever held in the Club - for the marriage of Lewis Lowe to Zara Levy, daughter of Dave Levy. Many members were among the guests and-according to the Magazine of that date-it was an outstanding success.







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Appeal of Irish Hunting

The advent of the hunting season in Ireland is described in the following article by Mr. Stanislaus Lynch:—

To a lover of hunting, few sounds are so thrilling as the first notes of a hunting-horn echoing through the depths of an Irish woodland, heralding the advent of a new hunting season.

These first notes may be only short twangs upon the copper and are sounded to let the hounds in the covert and the riders on its outskirts know the direction in which the huntsman is moving. Later on, if a fox is found, and the woods re-echo the thrilling sound of a pack in full-cry, the horn will twang the merry staccato notes of the "gone away"; then, indeed, is the hunting season launched in real earnest.

Here in Ireland the season proper begins in the first week of November, for foxhounds, staghounds. harriers (harehounds) footand hunting beagles. Before then, however, foxhounds have had a season of their own. Normally this began about the middle of August and was almost a private affair between the master and his hunt staff, but this year's late harvest delayed it considerably. It was called cub-hunting and was devoted to the training of young

Provided mounted followers did not interfere with this work, they were tolerated, but since most cub-hunting meets were held at dawn, instead of at 11 a.m., as during the season proper, only a few enthusiasts arrived so there was little risk of interference with the training of the young hounds.

To the uninitiated it may seem the height of absurdity to even think of rising at four o'clock in the morning just to teach young foxhounds how to hunt a fox. Yet there is something indescribably exciting in groping one's way to the stables in the darkness and riding out alone into the creeping lights of dawn.

There are no great cross-country gallops to compensate for such early rising, for these are an exception during cubhunting; and there is little pageantry, for the new followers are dressed informally; but the scarlet coats of the hunt staff, and black-tan-and-white dapples of the hounds make a lovely splash of colour against the dew-silvered hedgerows of an Irish boreen.

But old world pageantry will get its innings in full measure when Ireland's eighty-five hunts hold their opening meets in the first week of November.

Most of these hunts have been in existence for centuries and are as much a part of the countryside as the hedges, streams, stonewalls and banks that meander across our luscious green pastures and rich brown ploughlands.

With many of these hunts the master, the huntsman, the whippers-in and several of the mounted followers wear the traditional scarlet coats. With other hunts, mainly harriers (hare-hunting packs), the hunt staffs wear green coats, while the followers wear black, or, with less formal packs, tweed coats.

Although correct attire is a rider's best tribute to the master of the hunt, there is no hard and fast rule and, should a casual visitor to a district wish to have a day's sport with the local pack, he need not worry about the colour of his coat. He will be welcome.

Unless he is very unlucky indeed he ought not have too much difficulty in getting either the loan or the hire of a horse for the day. If he is a good horseman, and hounds run over a rideable line of country, he may have a day over banks, ditches and stonewalls that will be a cherished memory in the armchair dreams of the years ahead.



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